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Department of Journalism newsletter

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Getting to know Open Records

Learn all you ever wanted to know about open records and open meetings this Tuesday night by attending a forum sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists.

The forum will consist of a panel of four people who will tell students about the Open Records and Open Meetings laws, why they're important, how to use

them, when to use them and more.

The panel members are: Attorney Kelly Thompson, Jr.; Herald reporters Tanya Bricking and Chris Poynter; Professor Jim Highland.

• *The forum is 8 p.m. this Tuesday in Garrett Auditorium. It will feature four panelist — an attorney, a professor and two Herald reporters.*

The panelists will speak about their experiences with open records and how reporters can use the laws to their advantages.

If you plan on working in the newspaper field, you need to know about open

records and open meetings. Don't wait until you get on the job — you'll look like a fool when you have to ask someone how to file for records or how to protest the closing of a meeting.

The forum is 8 p.m. this Tuesday (Oct. 6) in Garrett Auditorium.

It will last about one hour.

Herald captures regional Pacemaker for ninth time

It's a familiar message, but a pleasant one indeed. The College Heights Herald has been selected as a Regional Pacemaker by the Associated Collegiate Press. Editors were Tanya Bricking, a Cold Spring senior, and Doug Tatum, a Louisville senior.

The Herald will vie for the national Pacemaker in October at the national ACP convention.

The Herald has won a Regional Pacemaker every year since 1981 with two exceptions and brought home the national Pacemaker four times since '81.

Magazine writing class to be offered in Spring

Another writing class is being added to the spring class schedule. It's called Magazine Writing and will be taught by Donna Dorian, a former member of the cartoon art and poetry departments of The New Yorker.

The class will concentrate on freelance writing for magazines. The contrast between newspaper and magazine writing will be emphasized.

The class will require 12, 750-word articles plus one 2,500-word feature. Writing assignments will range from the arts to profiles to travel writing.

Two inducted into Kappa Tau Alpha honor society

Two people were inducted into Kappa Tau Alpha, the journalism honor society.

Lori Flood, a junior ad major, and Sally Krauss, a junior PR major, became KTA members during a ceremony last Thursday. To be eligible for the society, you must be a junior or senior with a 3.5 grade-point average.

Nikita Stewart wins writing competition

Congratulations to NABJ member Nikita Stewart, who is the first-place winner and recipient of \$1,000 for an essay she wrote on sexual discrimination.

Nikita entered the Dow Jones writing competition.

PRSSA firm gives students practical experience

PRSSA has reorganized a firm that allows PR students to work in their field. It is called Kentucky Consultants and is working with Marriott Food Services and others.

Interested? The next PRSSA meeting is 6:30 p.m. Oct. 14, DUC 349

Talismans . . . they're here

The 1992 Talisman, *A Sense of Place*, has arrived.

If you ordered one, you can pick it up at the Student Publications office. If you haven't, you need to cross your fingers and wait until Dec. 1.

Because of budget cuts, the staff has ordered fewer books and there won't be as many up for grabs.

The Talisman is Western's yearbook.